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Message from Acharya Swamigal to NRI's devotees

Shruti Smriti Puranānām Ālayam Karunālayam

Namaami Bhagavadpāda Shankaram Loka Shankaram

Sadāshiva Samārambhām Shankarāchārya Madhyamām

Asmad Ācharya Paryantam Vande Guruparamparām

The movement of Sun towards Uttaram - North direction marks yet another beginning of a time cycle which throws open opportunities for performing Dharmic activities. As the Makara Masam succeeds the Margazhi Month, which is extolled as 'Maasaanam Margashirshoham' in Bhagavadgita and known as the month in which the Lord is propitiated, it is a given fact that the upcoming Thai Masam will definitely blossom with auspiciousness. As we see, the Thai month is filled with Kumbhabhishekams, festivals, Muhurtha days where important Samskaras are observed and so on. The Margazhi becomes like a pious preparation for the upcoming auspiciousness. While the Sayana Uttarayanam marks the tilt of the Sun towards North, Sankranthi marks the arrival of Sun to Makara and signifies the northward movement.

It is not wonder, Parameshwara whose Srishti we are in, has so many opportunities. The Sachidananda Bhagavan never allows any dull moment in his creation. 'Change' & 'Evolution' are constant but we must remember that it comes under the framework of divine laws that are eternal and unchanged. We must understand this subtle message of the Lord and accordingly shape our thoughts and deeds.

In creation, human nature has been bestowed with creativity, goodness, happiness, feelings, helping tendency, and progress. The ever-compassionate God forgives our mistakes and gives yet another chance for refinement. We have been taught that maintaining humanness itself takes us many steps godward. In this Punyabhoomi, our Rishis gave us the knowledge of material and the beyond, propelling our progress towards divinity. Vichara, Viveka & Vairagya help us in knowing about Parabrahmam of which we are Amsha. Removing the veil of ignorance, wrong perceptions and doubts clears the mind in concentrating on the true nature.

We need to consciously improve ourselves spiritually by inculcating good qualities. Speaking truth, practicing non-violence, controlling anger, being peaceful and being uncomplaining is expected as general qualities for every human being. These qualities help us in achieving a perspective to understand the various divine qualities and progressing further. We must remember that the Lord himself granted to Arjuna divine vision to see his Vishwarupa. Bhagavatpada in his stotras indicates transforming ourselves by channelising our outer actions and inner thinking towards God.

When the Sun of Gnana shines, darkness or Avidya goes. Lord Hanuman grasped all knowledge from Bhagavan Suryanarayana. In our country, people worship Surya Bhagavan at dawn, dusk and afternoon. Wisdom and good health is derived by worship of the Pratyaksha Bhagavan. The Vedas describe Suryabagavan as the Atman, life giver, as epitome of knowledge, as common god of all peoples. Even today we see the people in Arunachal Pradesh worship Sun & Moon as their gods.

As the Sun move towards Uttara, we must imbibe Uttama Gunas and move on the path of Dharma.

On this auspicious Uttarayana Punya Kalam, with prayers to Bhagavan Suryanarayana we convey blessings to devotees for a peace, good health and wisdom.



Jaya Jaya Sankara Hara Hara Sankara



Editorial: With abundant blessings from Acharya Swamigal, the editorial team is pleased to release the Makara Sankranti edition. May the season of harvest open the door for light and happiness and erase all troubles from your life.

Makara Sankranti festivities started at the Srimatham camp at Sankara Matham, Visakhapatnam, with the



Bhogi festival celebrated in the traditional way On 14th January . The camp premises was decked up with traditional festoons, customary rangolis with "Gobbemmalu" (cow dung with flowers place on the rangolis) were made, with a Haridasa going around it singing Bhagawan naama sankeerthanam with Kolattam. On 15th morning after the Viswaroopa Darshanam of Acharya Swamigal, devotees got to have Darshanam of the Sri Chandramouleeswara pooja. The Makara Sankranti Suryanarayanawamy pooja was performed and Surya Namaskarams performed alongside. Acharya Swamigal after having completed the Chandramouleeswara pooja, arrived and

performed Mangala aarthi marking the completion of the Suryanarayanawamy pooja.

Acharya Swamigal also did Pradakshinam around the Navagraha sannidhi and asked for all the gathered devotees to chant the Surya Narayanawamy and Navagraha slokas.

Anugraha Bhashanam in Tamil and Telugu respectively.



Devotees are encouraged to send their queries on religious/spiritual matters to nrikanchineews@gmail.com and the team will consult with experts in the field at Sri Matam and facilitate response as appropriate in the subsequent editions.





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Jagadguru Vacanam

Acharya Swamigal is blessing us with many important messages in HIS Anugraha Bhashanam on various occasions. Sri Shaankari team has compiled many of them as short capsules (arulurai). Excerpts from Anugraha Bhashanam of Acharya Swamigal are shared as quotes and audios on regular basis.

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Telugu Newsletter – January 2023 edition
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This issue covers the Holy Camp from **07th Dec 2022** by HIS HOLINESS PUJYASRI SANKARA VIJAYENDRA SARASWATI SANKARAACHARYA SWAMIGAL:

Period	Camp Location
16-Dec-2022 till 24-Dec-2022	Kovvuru, Samskruta Patasala, Andhra Geervana Vidyapeetam, Opposite to RDO office
25-Dec-2022 till date	Sri Shankara Matam, Dwarka Nagar, Vishakapatnam

Devotees are encouraged to share spiritual/religious events in their respective cities which can be included in the subsequent edition. You are invited to get in touch with any one of the devotees comprising the editorial team of this issue of the Newsletter.



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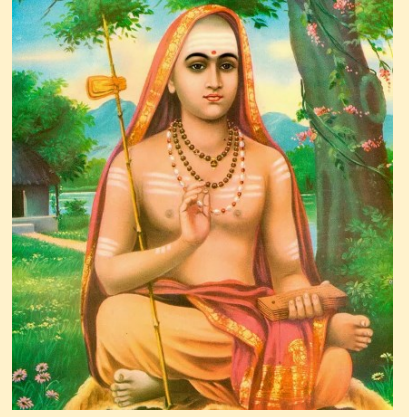
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Prashnottara Ratna Malika

This is the eternal and perennial wisdom of the great savant called Adi Shankara Bhagawat Pada in the form of searching questions and pithy answers. This literally means Garland of Gems of questions and answers

We encourage the younger generation (10 or above till 25 or so) to reach out if you have any questions and the answers to the same can be published in this section. You can submit your entries to nrikanchinews@gmail.com



Questions	Answers
O Lord, which is to be taken	Utterances of the preceptor
What is to be given up	The forbidden act
Who is a preceptor	One who has realized the truth and is ever striving for the good of the disciple
What is to be done quickly as part of the wise	The cessation of the cycle of birth and death
What is the seed of the tree of release	It is the right knowledge, shown in practice
What is more beneficial than anything else	Righteousness
Who is the pure person	One whose mind is pure
Who is the wise man	One who discriminates
What is poison	Transgression of Preceptor's order
What is the essence of life	This alone is to be reflected on repeatedly
What is the most desirable for human beings	Life dedicated for one's and others welfare
What is it that generates delusion like liquor	Attachment
Who are thieves	Objects of sense
What is the creeper of birth	Thirst for enjoyment
Who is the foe	It is but idleness
What is the source of fear for all	It is death
Who is the blindest among the blind	One who is subject to attachments
Who is the brave one	He who is not struck by the amorous glances of woman



Visit to ancient Kshetras, Bhumi Puja at Mukkamala and visit to settlements in Gangalakurru village (12-Dec-2022)

Acharya Swamigal after performing Trikala Puja went to Someshwarswamy temple at Kotipalli, Siddhi Vinayak Swami temple Ainavalli, Mukteshwarswamy temple at Mukteshwaram, Mukkamalla village to perform Bhumi Puja for Kamakshi temple, returned to Gangalakurru village and visited every settlement in the village.

All the temples are very ancient and form the spiritual & cultural identity of Godavari civilization. To visit Kotipalli, the entourage along with vehicles had to cross Godavari river through big boats and reach the temple. Sri Venugopal, Minister in AP cabinet, belonging to that area took Acharya Swamigal to these ancient Kshetrams. Endowment officials and Archaka Brundam received Acharya Swamigal with traditional reception at all temples and special Pujas were performed. It was an evening filled with spiritual fervour during the visits. At Gangalakurru Acharya Swamigal visited all the different settlements and blessed people. The visits which started at 3 PM concluded at 11 PM.



Vijaya Yatra - Acharya Swamigal was received with poornakumbham and mangala vadyam at Kovvur in Andhra Pradesh on 15-Dec-2022).



Devotees gathered in large numbers and received the blessings of Acharyal Swamigal.



Aradhana Mahotsavam of Jagadguru Pujiyashri Chandrasekharendra Saraswathi Mahaswamigal

Aradhana Mahotsavam of Jagadguru Pujiyashri Chandrasekharendra Saraswathi Mahaswamigal - the 68th Shankaracharya of Sri Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam was performed at Shrimatam, Kanchipuram from 18th to 20th Dec. 2022 with Veda Parayanam, Vidwat Sadas, Discourses, Namasankeertanam, Bhajans and Sangeetanjali. On the Aradhana day (20-Dec-2022), Ekadasha Rudra Homam, Vissha Pujas, alankaram and deeparadhana will be performed at the Brindavanam. Pancharatna kritis will be rendered. Aradhana was observed at Shrimatam camp at Kovvuru - Goshpada Kshetram in Andhra in the presence of Acharya Swamigal on 20-Dec-2022.



Rathotsavam around raja veeidhis was performed this evening at Kanchipuram. Mandolin Sri U Rajesh and group performed Sangeeta upasana at the Brindavanam. Dr. Sudha Seshayyan gave a discourse on Guru Mahima in Tamil



From 15th Dec till 21st Dec the following were rendered at Thandalam Patasalai along with Righ & Yajur Vedam

Sri Sankara Bhashya Parayanam	Moolaparayanam of
• Sri Vishnu Sahasranamam	• Nine Upanishads
• Sri Bhagavad Gita	• Brahma Sutras & Vivekachudamani
• Esha Vasya Upanishad	• Panchee Karanam & Varthikam
• Katha Upanishad	• Sri Sundarakandam

Sayana Uttarayana Punya Kaalam- Surya Puja performed by Acharya Swamigal at Shrimatam camp at Kovvur, on 22-Dec-2022.



Acharya Swamigal visited Sri Agatheeswarar Temple at Gangalakurru on 15-Dec-2022 and blessed the Pooja for a New Chariot at Sri Manikambal Sametha Bheemeswara Swami Temple at Draksharamam



Acharya Swamigal visited Sri Shiva Vishnu temple and Sri Venumadhava Swami temple at Gangalakurru Village on 15-Dec-2022



Acharya Swamigal visited Sri Ammavaru Temple at Gangalakurru village on 15-Dec-2022. Acharya Swamigal blessed the devotees after visesha pujas and deeparadhana.



Acharya Swamigal visited Sri Shankara matam at Kovvur on 23-Dec-2022 . At the culmination of 9-day camp at Kovvur, devotees organised a Krutagnyata sabha on 24-Dec-2022 after which yatra proceeded to Vishakapatnam



Acharya Swamigal was received with Shoba yatra at Vishakapatnam on 24-Dec-2022 on arrival from Kovvur. Place of camp - Sri Shankara Matam, Dwaraka Nagar, Vishakapatnam



Anugraha Bhashanam of Acharya Swamigal on arrival at Shankara Matam, Vishakapatnam



Carnatic Vocal Duet by Sri Malladi Brothers at Shrimatam camp (05-Jan-2023)



Aarudra Darshanam- Anugraha Bhashanam of Acharya Swamigal in Tamil and Shambu natanam shlokas (06-Jan-2023)



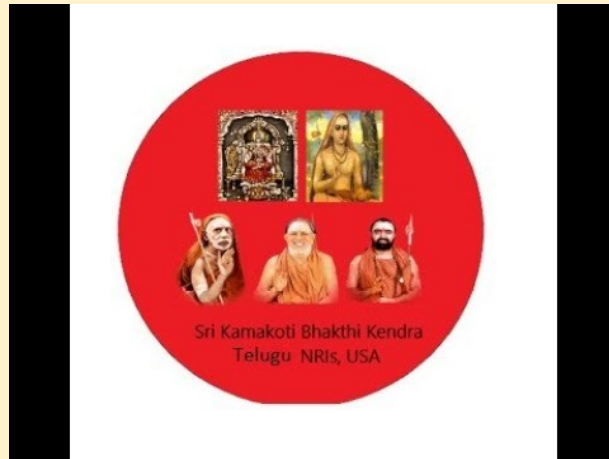
Visakhapatnam Camp update (06-Jan-2023)

It was an extremely auspicious and special day at the Sri Matham camp at Visakhapatnam with the Arudra Darshanam falling on a Vapana Pournami and a Friday. The day long rituals started with the Viswaroop Darshanam of Acharya Swamigal at about 3:45 am, which was followed by the Vishesha Chandramouleeswara Swami Ekadasha Rudrabhishekam which is traditionally performed in the Peetham as part of the Arudra Darshanam pooja. After having completed the two kaalam pooja, followed by Vapanam, Acharya Swamigal came to the Poornahuti of the Chandi Homam and blessed the devotees with the Kalasha Teertha Prokshanam and Prasadam. In the evening there was the Vishesha Shukravaara Pournami pooja. The day ended with the most blissful Darshanam of the Jagadguru chanting the Lalitha Sahasranamam during the Chandra Darshanam.



Sthala Puranas - Discourse series

The Sthala purana series concluded on 25th September with 36th discourse in the series. About 60 Sthalas were covered. The ongoing series of lectures on Mookapanchashati explanation, started on 1st October and this happens every Saturday

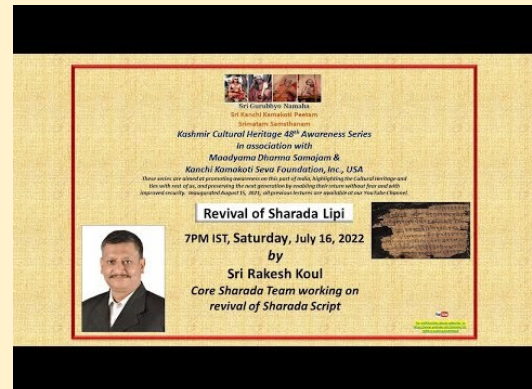


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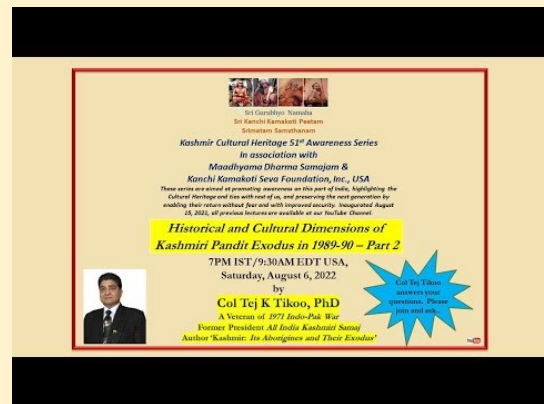
Sharda Sarvagna Peeth Kashmir - Series 53



Revival of Sharada Lipi



Historical and Cultural dimensions of Kashmiri Pandit Exodus in 1989-90 (Part 1 & 2)



Devotee's experience – contributed by Sri. K. Guruvayurappan

40 Years ago, how HH Sri Maha Perivaa Planned for HIS 30th Aradhana at NJ Mani Mandapam (going to be the first Aradhana after Kumbhabhishekam on 5th July 2023).

It all started when Almighty moved me from Motherland to Singapore in March 1982, very little I knew at that time what Perivaas had in mind about our glorious retired life today after 40 years by enjoying THEIR abundant grace and blessings with our community here in USA and by getting us involved for Sri Matam related activities and events across the USA!

During Mar 1982, both HH Sri Maha Perivaa and HH Sri Pudu Perivaa were camping outside Kanchipuram (and HH Sri Bala Perivaa had not taken Sanysa Deeksha at that time) and also since I had to move to Singapore at very short notice, could not even get Blessings in person from either of THEM, but craving and praying for Darshan always.

I was very excited on my very first annual vacation in March 1983, after taking up the first overseas job in Singapore in Mar 1982. Little did I know at that time again, what was in store when I booked the trip. But after I landed in Chennai only I came to know that HH Sri Pudu Perivaa was visiting West Mambalam to various house visits as part of Vasantha Navarathri season and our house was also scheduled during that visit. Not only I got Blessed for the move that I already made to Singapore (which I could not get before moving out of Motherland) but merrily went around the streets of West Mambalam alongwith the hand pulled Bicycle cart by chanting Hara Hara Sankara! Jaya Jaya Sankara! And on the same day after HH visit to our house, my would be wife's paternal grandparents accompanied with her parents came to our home to finalize my marriage to be conducted in January 1984, during the second annual vacation visit from Singapore.

“Guru Palan” was so evident that soon after HH Visit, Nitchyadartham followed by Wedding the next year in 1984 and quickly Their Holiness Blessings moved us from Singapore to USA in 1985. Please note the years as Their Holiness planned without us noticing for important anniversaries in our milestone experiences just NOT only merely to Bless us but for our NRI Community at large in USA and across the world!

On the Fifth Anniversary of our moving to USA – in April 1990 on Samvastara New Year Day during Darshan of HH Sri Maha Perivaa, we saw Smt. MS Subbalakshmi and her husband Sri Sadasivam Mama having Darshan of HH Sri Maha Perivaa. After my return to USA from that trip to Homeland, HH made me to stop my coffee drinking habit (about 12 cups a day for the last several years of my adulthood after migrating out of India) just like that and also made me to get rid of side burns, moustache and minor gold chain with TigerNail pendant! The major influence for this was the start of reading Deivathin Kural from 1987, we had only five volumes released I think at that time, which were personally blessed by HH Sri Maha Perivaa. The return on investment was the 1990 Darshan and its aftereffects!

Without us asking, or even thinking or dreaming that we should get Holy Padukas - HH Sri Maha Perivaa surprised us by giving HIS Holy Padukas in Dec 1992 (to coincide with our 10th Anniversary of migration out of India) knowing very well that HIS Padukas are going to New Jersey, USA. As of today, to our humble knowledge (based on information obtained from close circle of Sri Matam) that this is the first set of Holy Padukas that were given directly to a devotee knowing very well that it was going abroad and to be kept by the receiver himself who got it directly from HH during HH last years of Sthoola Sareeram. We got the Padukas in Marghazhi Month and came to NJ in Marghazhi month and didn't put Kavacham for that until 20 years later. After putting the Kavacham, we got the Holy Padukas Blessed at Sri Adi Sankarar Sannidhi and at Sri Kamakshi Ambal Sannidhi, at Kanchi and Kalavai Athishtanams, by Both Perivaas and at Orikkai. The best beauty of this is that during all our trips ever since we moved to USA, we have been traveling only on trans-Atlantic flights thru Europe but the Dec 1992 Trip we traveled Transpacific and the Holy Padukas landed first in the USA at Kabilaranya Kshetram of USA – California! Did HH send a signal that HE would be attaining Mukthi in Marghazhi and HH First Temple outside India would be coming in NJ? Certainly at least, I failed to notice the signal! Special Humble Pranams to HH for that. HH Sri Maha Perivaa was extremely kind enough to comply our humble request to give another set of Holy Padukas in November 1993 to be carried through us – knowing very well to whom it was going again to NJ, USA and the blessed recipient who owned a nonprofit organization in NJ called Sanatana Dharma Foundation (SDF) has now built the NJ Mani Mandapam but only the ownership of the organization changed. Little did we know again the signal sent by HH Sri Maha Perivaa at that time that the recipient organization is going to build the first temple outside India for HH Sri Maha



Perivaa!! We were Blessed to bring In 1994 and in 1995 to bring HH Sri Maha Perivaa's Padukas to two different states Blessed by HH Sri Pudu Perivaa and HH Sri Bala Perivaa respectively. Even at that time, we failed to notice the GuruParampara's grace upon NRI Devotees by Their Holiness between 1992 to 1995!

The entire world knows, how HH Sri Maha Perivaa chose Anna Sri Ra. Ganapati who tirelessly and selflessly spread HH Sri Maha Perivaa's lectures in the form of Deivathin Kural. To coincide with the 10th Anniversary of our migration to USA and to coincide with my stopping of habitual coffee drinking 5th Anniversary, HH Sri Maha Perivaa CONNECTED US through HIS Immediate successor HH Sri Perivaa during Sri HH Perivaa's AND Anna Sri Ra. Ganapati's Sashitapthapoorthy year in 1995, just hardly a few

hours before leaving for airport to USA after our 1995 vacation. Seeing Anna Sri Ra. Ganapati in person and that too unexpected, changed our lives to a great extent. Shared herewith are Anna's first letter dated 9th September 1995 mentioning about TWO books to be released about Sri Maha Perivaa and the last letter dated 2nd August 2000 mentioning about the release of the last and final volume (volume 7) of Deivathin Kural. Anna Sri Ra. Ganapati attained Moksha on an auspicious Maha Sivarathri night in 2012.

The two books mentioned by Anna Sri Ra. Ganapati "Karunaik Kanchi Kanagadharai" and "Maitreiem Bhajate" were released by HH on an Auspicious Sri Kalavai Perivaa's Aradhana Day in 1996 in Sri Matam. Please see the photos. Deivathin Kural was later released with the great help by Dr. V. Shankar of Mumbai in many languages and we were blessed to take part in the release function of three languages – in Nagpur in Marathi by H.H. Sri Perivaa in Nov 2006, in Bridgewater NJ – English by Sri Vedantam Mama in Jun 2007 and in NJ Manimandapam at Flemington, NJ Telugu language release during 29th Aradhana on 20 December 2022. Sri Matam devotees across the world are very eagerly waiting and would be traveling thousands of miles to come to Flemington, NJ to attend NJ Mani Mandapam Kumbhabishekam. The Holy Padukas that Sri Maha Perivaa gave us would be within a few miles of the NJ Manimandapam and would request all the readers of Kanchi NRI Newsletter and Sri Matam devotees to plan for the important function. Sri Matam Devotees across USA in many towns have had full Rudrabhishekam Paduka Puja done to HH Sri Maha Perivaa and HH Sri Perivaa Holy Padukas and the photos taken on the 29th Aradhana celebrations on 8th Jan 2023 are attached herewith.



Jaya Jaya Sankara! Hara Hara Sankara! Kanchi Sankara! Kamakoti Sankara!

From around the world, as shared by devotees

Abu Dhabi: Anusham, Avittam and Uthiradam was celebrated with great fervour across multiple locations with participation from several families. Sri.Mahaperiyava aradhana at Ruwais Abudhabi. Ekadasa rudra poorvaka abhisegam and rudrathrisathi arachana performed. Sangeetha samarpanam done by Shruthisree.M



Dubai: Anusham celebrated in a grand manner. The event started with Vinayagar poojai, Sodasodhasa poojai, Kumbha avahanam, Guru avahanam, & Rudrabhishegam. A large number of devotees participated in person.



Minneapolis: With the blessings of Ambal & our Acharyas we had a divine Aaradhana celebration for Sri Periyava. Despite the inclement weather condition due to Periyava's anugraham we were able to do it. Periyava's anugraham pratyaksham. During the 6-day event we had a wonderful celebration of Periyava darshan, Poojai, Abhishekam, sloka chanting, Deivathin Kural and Bhajans. Many devotees participated and took the blessings of Sri Periyava.



Seattle: Washington Periyava Satsangam(WAPS) & Brahmana Mahasabha of North America - Seattle

With the grace of our perivas the 29th aradhana mahotsavam of Sri Maha periyava was observed over two days.



Day 1 : mooka panchshati parayanam

Day 2: periva padua abhishekam with rudra parayanam, reading from Deivathin Kural by Sri. Ramachandra Gurumurthy, and stotram and sangita samarpanam by children as follows.

❖ Kum. Vibha, Kum. Nethra and Kum. Sanjana chanted shiva guru nandana and sadguru dasakam, followed by singing periva padhuka panchakam

❖ Kum. Sharada and Kum. Niranjana offered sangita samarpanam

❖ Chi. Guruguhan chanted Arya Shatakam and sang Variyar KarunkaN - Thiruchendur Kshetram Thiruppugazh

All the children performed archanai to periva padhuka. Teenagers served prasadam to all guests on vaazhelai and prepared the pandhis after each serving.

Gita jayanthi mahotsavam was celebrated in a grand manner over two days.

Day 1: sampurna gita parayanam and nama sankirtanam by children and adults, Asmakam Parampara (Know Your Roots!) presentations by Kum. Madhura and Kum. Sanjana, followed by Dr. Shri Shyam Panchapkesan's Upanyasam on *The Relevance of Gita for Youth*

Day 2 : Samarpanam - Sāmskr̥tika kāryakramah (cultural showcase) with sangita and nritya samarpanam by children, followed by a Mahabharata themed quiz for children and adults and a samashthi kolattam.



Tampa (KKSF): With the Blessings and Anugrahams of Guru Parampara, KKSF Tampa Chapter celebrated October Month's Anusham Pooja on December 04th @ Smt. Ramya and Sri. Manoj's Residence. Pooja Started at 4 PM with Ritweeks and families. Guru Pooja started with Vishnu Sahasranama parayanam, Swasti, Ganapathy Pooja, Varuna Kalasa Sthapana, Panchamritha vishesha dravyodhaka snanam, Ekavara Rudrabhishekam for Shivan and Periyava, Pancha Suktam Chanting, Ashtothram for Shivan, Adi Shankara, Periyava, Pudhu Periyava.

Program continued with lots of ragas and Kanda Shashti Kavacham. Followed by Thotakashtakam and concluded with Naivedhyam , Maha Aarthi and distribution of Mahaprasadam.



MahaPeriyava Aradhanai - KKSF Tampa celebrated MahaPeriyava Aradhanai and Maha Anusham Mahotsavam on December 20, 2022 at Smt. Viji and Shri Ram Venkat's Residence. Pooja Started at 9 AM with Ritweeks and families. Guru Pooja started with Swasti, Ganapathy Pooja, Kalasa Sthapanam, Mahanyasa Parayanam, Rudrabhishekam for Shivan and Periyava, Pancha Suktam Chanting, Upanishad Parayanam, Ashtothram for Shivan, Adi Shankara, Periyava. Followed by Lalitha sahasranama parayanam. The program concluded with Thotakashtakam followed by Naivedhyam and Maha Aarthi.

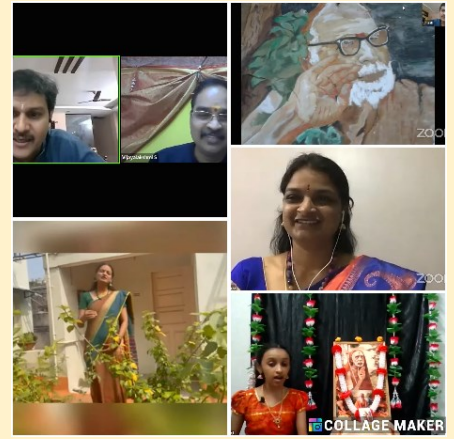


Portland (KKSF): With HH Periyava's anugraham, Anusham Pooja in Portland was celebrated at Smt Vidya Raghav's home during the Karthigai month and at Smt Srividhya Krishna's home during Margazhi month. Devotees recited Guru Stotrams, Swasti, hosts and kids did Archana to HH Mahaperiyava, HH Jayendra Periyava, Nidhana Pataye for HH Periyava. Devotees recited Sadhguru Dashakam, Stotra Maalika stotras composed by Pujyashri Periyava, Durga Pancharatnam, HH MahaPeriyava Panchakam. Kids offered their Shloka and Sangeetha Samarpanam. We concluded with Thotakaashtakam and Maitreem Bhajata, Harati and Naivedyam. Sri Matam prasadamams were distributed to all devotees. Everyone enjoyed the divine satsangam with Periyavas blessings



Shangai, China (Arul Tharum Mahaperiyava ATM): ATM ARADHANAI SPECIAL PROGRAM

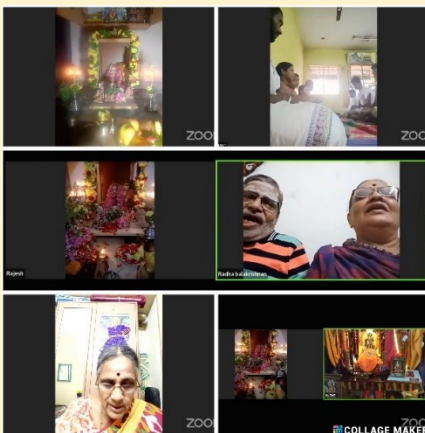
Aradhanai was celebrated by ATM Group with wide participation of Devotees with a unique program, first of its kind "Experience Sharing by Artist Shri Umesh" while drawing Mahaperiyava and Sivan Sar roobam. Over 15 drawings and its background experience were share in this divine program. Vocal concert performed by rising start Selvi Rakshitha and ATM Song version 3 release by Nada Rathna Smt Harini Srivatsava. If you want to participate in ATM Sath Sangam and programs, you may send Whatsapp Message to Group Founder Smt.Vijayalakshmi Srinivasan at +8613472673759



KARTHIGAI SPECIAL PROGRAM - As a special program for Karthigai Deepam Isai kutcheri by Villivakkam Sisters was arranged in which ATM Song written by ATM Srinivasan, composed by Amarabharathi Sath Sangam, Sung by Shri.Villivakkam Sisters was released by Shri Chandramouli Mama.

Adi Sankara Jayanthi (Monthly pooja) - As of December 2022, over 14750 families spread across 10 Countries, are actively participating in activities initiated by the Group.

ATM celebrated Adi Sankara Jayanthi (Monthly Pooja) on 27-12-2022 Smt.Sarawathi's home, followed by songs by ATM Devotees and Veda Parayanam Sri Bhoopala Vishnuvardhan Ganapadigal and vidyarthees of Sri Vedanarayana Vedapatasalai. ATM Group Child 5 years old Selvi.Adhithi performed slokas in the program.



Anusha Pooja - ATM Monthly Anusha Pooja was conducted on 21-12-2022 at Shri.Rajesh's home followed by songs by ATM Devotees and Rudram Chamakam by Shri Bhoopala Vishnuvardan Ghanapaadigal and Vidyarthees of Sri Vedanarayana Veda patashala. ATM Programs are available in ATM Youtube,clickthe link and subscribe for live programs,

Youtube link:

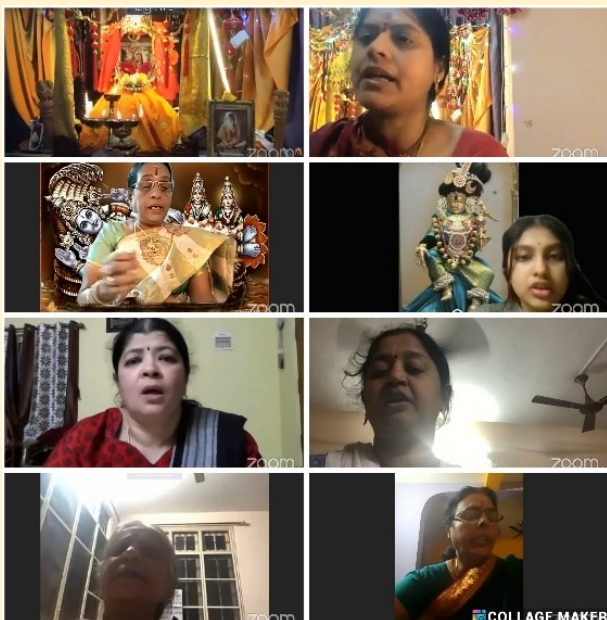
<https://www.youtube.com/c/ArultharumMahaperiyavaGroup/>

ATM Margazhi special program - As Margazhi 1st special Concert, on 16-12-2022, Musical Discourse on Andal Charithram by Bala Pravachana choodamani J.Sai Niketana (Disciple of Smt Rasigapriya Lalitha) was performed and the program was enjoyed by members of ATM

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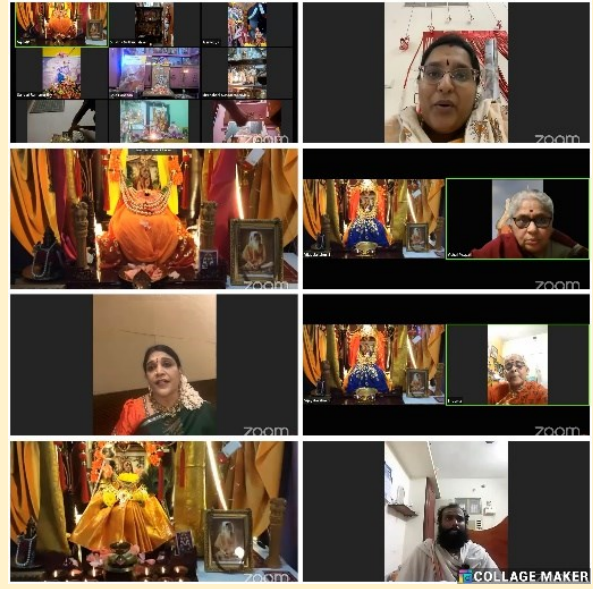
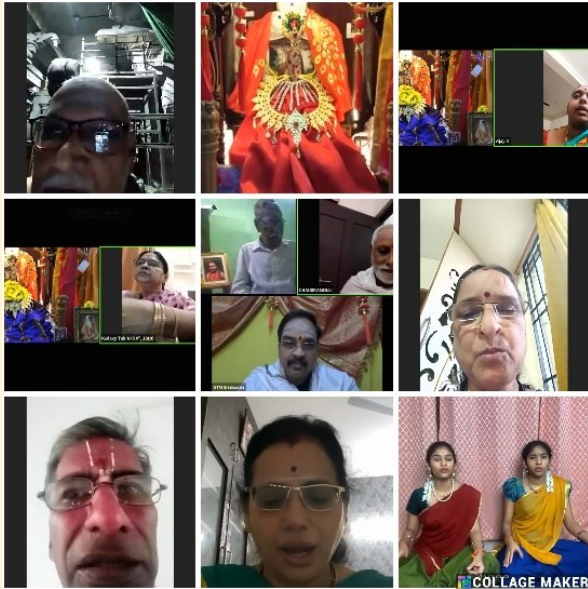
ATM Vaikunta Ekadashi Celebrations - First of its kind Vaikunta Ekadashi by Zoom with the participation of ATM Members was performed as 10 Hours continuous program from 7 pm IST 02-01-2023 to 03-01-2023 5 AM IST with various programs like Pravachanam by Shri Chandramouli, Smt.Dr.Vijaya, Master Sarvesh Sriram, Vocal concert by Dr.Harini Srivatsava, NamaSankeerthanam by Shri S.Srinivasan, Pondicherry, Namasankeerthanam by students of Rasigapriya School of Music Mass chanting of “Hare Rama Hare Krishnna” and “Hara Hara Sankara Jaya Jaya Sankara” Songs, Slokas and bhajans by ATM Group members and Vishnu Sahasranamam and Narayaneeyam parayanam were all performed during this 10 hrs program. The program was successfully performed with early morning Harathi to Arul Tharum Mahaperiyava.



ATM Ayyappan Pooja - ATM celebrated Ayyappan pooja with Bhajan and traditional Pooja on 25-12-2022 at ATM Devotee Smt.Sundari's residence. Pooja was attended by many at their residence and also virtually by Zoom



ATM Saturday Sath Sangam - ATM so far have performed 115 Sath Sangam virtually with the participation of ATM Devotees across 10 countries. ATM Sath Sangam usually begins with Deivathin Kural by Smt. Vijayalakshmi Srinivasan followed by Enipadigalil Mandargal by a group member. Members of ATM participated in all Saturday Satsangam by singing song, bhajan, devotional experience etc. and eminent personalities in the fields of music, speech were arranged to participate in ATM Saturday Sathsangam. Every Satsang have Mahaperiyava Ashtothra Archanai, Mahaperiyava Panchakam and Thotakashtakam by ATM Members. If you want to participate in ATM Sath Sangam or participate in ATMGuru Poojai or ATM Group Ashtothram, you may send Whatsapp Message to Group Founder Smt.Vijayalakshmi Srinivasan at +8613472673759



Kids Participation in ATM - With the objective of carry forward our traditional and cultural values to next generation, ATM arrange various programs with the participation of Kids and

Children. Kids have been participating in ATM Satsang and various other programs of ATM by singing songs, reciting slokas, rendering speech etc. If you want your child to participate in ATM Sath Sangam to showcase talent or participate in ATM Sloka classes, you may send Whatsapp Message to Group Founder Smt.Vijayalakshmi Srinivasan at +8613472673759



Hong Kong: Skandha Sashti - As the Govt has eased the Covid 19 restrictions, we had invited Sivachariyaar from India for the 7 day celebrations from 25.10.2022 to 31.10.2022. We had Abhishekam in the morning and 'Vazhipaadu' & 'Swami Purappadu' in the evenings. On Skandha Sashti day, we had Sathru Samhaara Homam in the morning and 'Soorasamhaaram' in the evening followed by abhishekam. Next day, we completed the celebrations with Thirukkalyaanam.



Sri Aiyappan Pooja on 17.12.2022 – On 17th morning we had Abhishekam and in the evening we had Sahasranama Archanai and Bhajans.



Voice of Youth

Keerthipradha - 11 years old, Austin,Tx - I chose my mom's side. My grandparents' names are **Sreenivasan** and **Chitra**. My great grandparents' names are **UdhayaBaskaran** and **Abirami**. The gramam they used to live in is **Batlagundu** which is located in Dindigul District, Tamilnadu.



Stories/facts about Batlagundu:

- The name Vetrilaikkundru (Betel leaf hill) later transformed and changed to Vathalagundu.
- The town is the major gateway to Kodaikanal.
- The writer, Indian Freedom Fighter, and activist Sri.Subramaniya Siva was born in Batlagundu.
- Batlagundu is the fifth-largest town in the Dindigul district.

Gramma Devatha In Batlagundu:

Our grama devatha is Pasuvan. We do pooja starting from the day of Diwali. They start with Paaligai thelippu, For ten days, every day the ladies and kids in agrapharam celebrate it by doing kolattam going around all the streets of the gramam. And on the tenth day, they do a grand pooja with grown paligai and prasadams (grama devatha valipaadu) called Kolatta Jothirai for Pasuvan praying for goodness and rainfall. On the tenth day, how much ever the paligai has grown, based on that, how much rainfall we will have will be predicted. This happens every year in our agrapharam till date.

Here is the link to know in detail about our grama devatha valipaadu.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Iokw8WSnqYo>



Kuladeivam In Batlagundu:

My mom's kula deivam is **Sangili Swami/Kalamega Swami (Karupana Swami)**. He is also our gramam's Kaaval Deivam. The temple is built in Batlagundu by our family with 18 steps to reach the mulasthanam. It is located right beside the river that flows through Vaigai Dam.

Kulandaianandha Swamigal temple is also located in Batlagundu. He is a siddhar who lived in our gramam until 1932. Guru pooja is performed every year in October month on Thiruvonam Star. He is Madurai Meenakshi Myndar who lived in Madurai meenakshi temple and came to Batlagundu in 1919.

Rivers located in Batlagundu:

Vaigai Dam , Manjalar Dam

Guru Temple in Batlagundu





Hara Hara Sankara Jaya Jaya Sankara



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